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In the Claims:

Please amend the claim set as indicated below:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A tool for the removal of weeds and/or debris from grates, anchors, propellers, motors and platforms attached or a part of aquatic vehicles comprising:

a) an elongated curved rod having an arc of curvature, the rod being of sufficient length to extend to submerged portions of an aquatic vehicle such that someone standing on the aquatic vehicle can remove weeds and/or debris from an intake grate without submerging any portion of his body;

b) a multi ridged hand grip section at one end of the rod; and

c) a weed and/or debris removing a tined section at the other end of the rod and separated from the hand grip section by a length greater than half the length of the rod, said tined section including a plurality of tines, wherein the plurality of tines project substantially out from the rod in a plane substantially containing the arc of curvature of the rod, the rod curved such that a straight line or chord drawn from the tined section to the hand grip section does not cross or share space with the elongated curved rod; and

d) the tines designed such that each tine has one end attached to the elongated curved rod and an end unattached to the rod, the end unattached to the rod having a protuberance, each tine strong enough to remove weeds and/or debris caught in the intake grate of an aquatic vehicle.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The tool of claim 1 further including an aperture opening at the end of the multi ridged hand grip section for a strap or chain for added security and leverage and storage options.

Claim 3. (original) The tool of claim 1 constructed and arranged to float.

Claims 4-7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (currently amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein the plurality of tines are designed such that each tine of the plurality of tines has an end attached to the elongated curved rod and an end unattached to the rod, a brace bar protruding from between the end attached to the rod and the end unattached to the rod of a tine protrudes to a portion of an adjacent tine.

Claim 9. (Canceled)

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Claim 10. (New) A tool for the removal of weeds and/or debris from grates, anchors, propellers, motors and platforms attached or a part of aquatic vehicles, the tool having a length and a distal and proximal end longitudinally separated from one another along the length and further comprising:

a) an elongated curved rod having an arc of curvature, the rod being of sufficient length to extend to submerged portions of an aquatic vehicle such that someone standing on the aquatic vehicle can remove weeds and/or debris from an intake grate without submerging any portion of his body, the tool constructed and arranged to float;

b) a multi ridged hand grip section at one end of the rod;

c) a tined section at the other end of the rod, said tined section including tines, wherein the tines project substantially out from the rod in a plane substantially containing the arc of curvature of the rod, the rod curved such that a straight line or chord drawn from the tined section to the hand grip section does not cross or share space with the elongated curved rod; and

d) the tines designed such that each tine has one end attached to the elongated curved rod and an end unattached to the rod, the end unattached to the rod having a protuberance, each tine occupying a longitudinal position along the length of the rod substantially different from the longitudinal position of any other tine, each tine strong enough individually to remove weeds and/or debris caught in the intake grate of an aquatic vehicle.